BOE BUDGET WORKSHOP #2

February 26, 2026

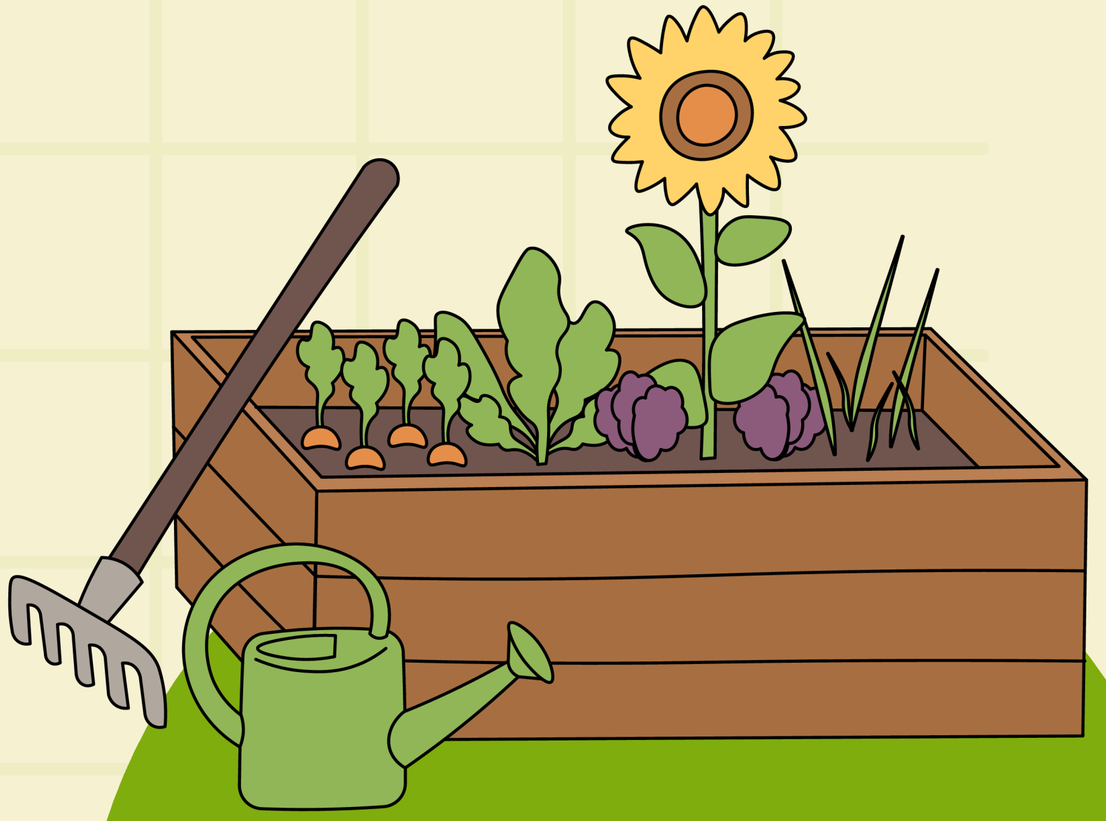
BUDGET TOPICS

- Bacon Academy
- Athletics
- Special Education
- Facilities
- Technology

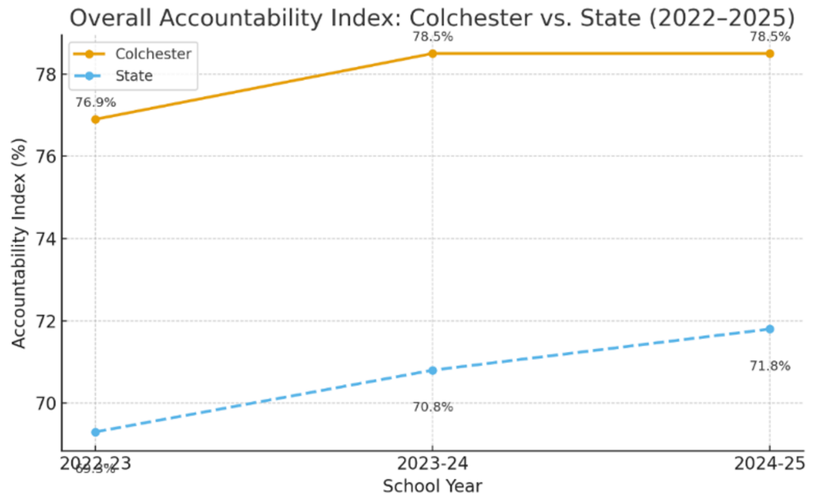
DISTRICT GOALS

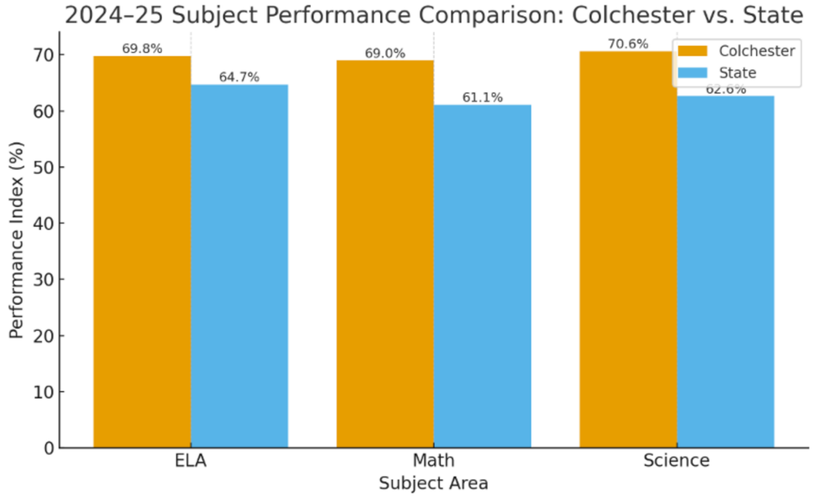
1. Colchester Public Schools will increase achievement for each student, with students demonstrating measurable growth

2. Colchester Public Schools will foster community pride and ensure that students, staff, and the community as a whole feel valued, accepted and connected



PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW





[Reference: CT Next Generation Accountability Dashboard]

Academic Strengths

Math & Science growth: High Needs Math growth

CCR Participation

College and Career Readiness (CCR) course participation rates of 98-99%.

Next Generation Accountability Index

Colchester outperforms state averages and sits in the middle-upper tier regionally

District	2023–24	2024–25	Change	Trend
East Lyme	83.3	81.2	↓ 2.1	Decrease
Colchester	78.5	78.5	—	Stable
Cromwell	77.9	78.6	↑ 0.7	Increase
Wethersfield	77.8	79.2	↑ 1.4	Increase
Berlin	78.3	76.2	↓ 2.1	Decrease
East Hampton	78.1	77.2	↓ 0.9	Decrease
East Haddam	75.7	75.5	↓ 0.2	Slight Decrease
Stonington	77.6	78.6	↑ 1.0	Increase
Waterford	78.4	78.3	↓ 0.1	Slight Decrease

BACON ACADEMY

BA PROJECTIONS

STUDENTS 564

STAFF

58.6 FTE Certified Staff
6.5 Regular Education Paraeducators
4.5 Office Professionals
2.0 Nursing Office
8.5 Custodial / Maintenance
3.0 School Safety
1.0 Access Control Attendant

BA PRIORITIES

01

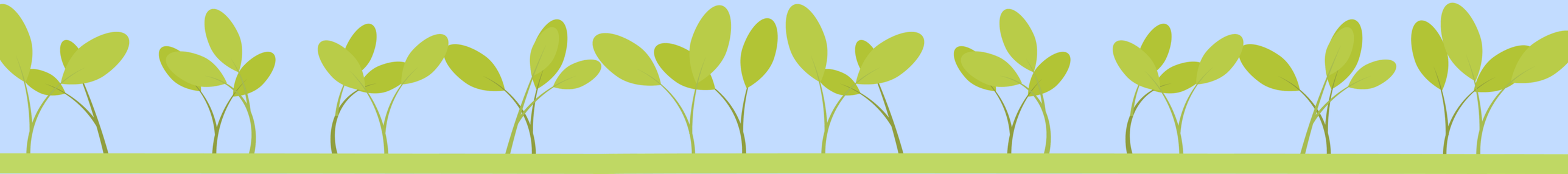
Ensuring the success of all learners

02

Post-secondary preparation and success

03

School pride and community connection



BA PROGRESS

01 Improved MTSS processes continue to increase the efficiency of progress monitoring and improve student interventions.

02 Bacon Academy was recognized as an AP Honor Roll School at the Silver level for 2025 Dual enrollment continues with UConn. Eastern. University of Bridgeport. and CT State Community Colleges

03 Multiple new or revised community events so far this year

ATHLETICS

PUPIL SERVICES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

PUPIL SERVICES PROJECTIONS

STUDENTS

383 students w/ IEPS

18.5% of students

278 students w/ 504 plans

STAFF

54.5 Certified Staff

68 Special Education Paraeducators

2 Office Professionals

PUPIL SERVICES PRIORITIES

01

Ensure continued compliance with federal and state Special Education and Section 504 requirements

02

Provide high-quality specialized programming for students with disabilities

03

Provide appropriate staffing and services to serve complex learners in a fiscally responsible manner

04

Continue to strengthen a culture of trust, transparency, and collaboration

FACILITIES

FACILITIES PRIORITIES

01

Correcting the aged glycol in the BA Heating System

02

Completion of the first 20% of the HVAC Five-Year requirement

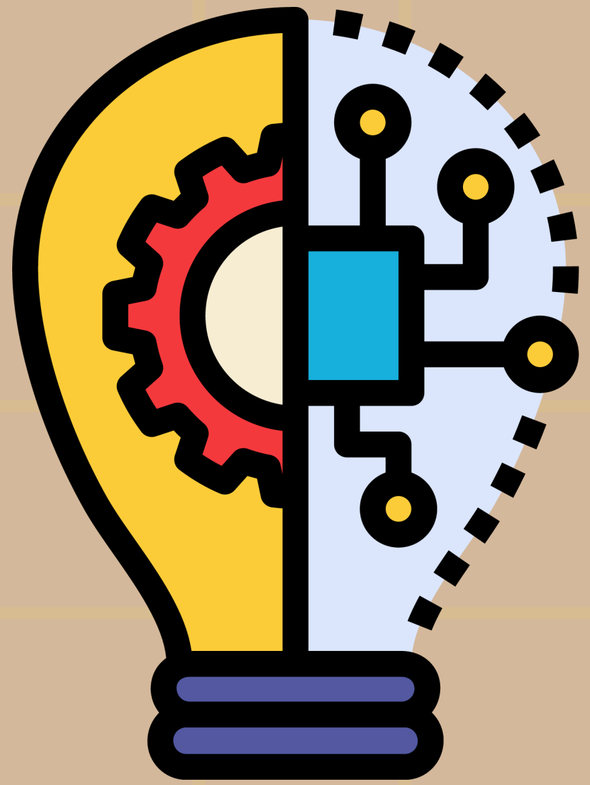
03

Utilize State funding to replace the existing, outdated camera system at WJ

04

Develop a more effective method to clean town buildings at a more cost effective rate while still providing the same services

TECHNOLOGY



TECHNOLOGY PRIORITIES

01

Ensuring the security and stability of the network infrastructure

02

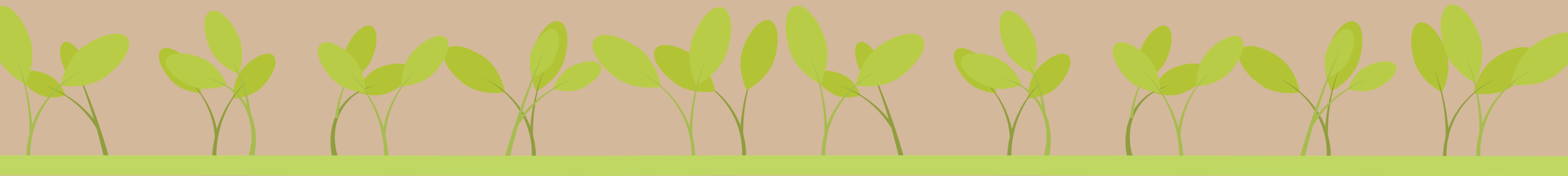
Maintaining electronic resources for evaluating, teaching, and supporting student learning

03

Maintaining devices (chromebooks and laptops) for productivity and assessment

04

Preventative maintenance and/or replacement on classroom equipment



BOARD & CITIZEN Q & A

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- Colchester Elementary School
- Jack Jackter Intermediate School
- William J. Johnston Middle School
- General Operating
- Transportation
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NEXT MEETING

Please join us on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 6:00PM at
WJ for BOE Special Meeting in place of Regular Meeting

Public Hearing #1 is now
Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at Town Hall at 6:00 PM